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One person arrested and charged with tampering with physical evidence

Murder investigation underway in Elba following Jan. 16th shooting

A homicide investigation continues this week in Elba following an early morning shooting at a residence on Putnam Street last Thursday.

At 2:30 a.m. Thursday morning, Jan. 16, Elba dispatch received a 911 call in reference to a shooting in the area of Putnam Street. When officers arrived on scene they found a male victim suffering from a gunshot wound at the residence of 617 Putnam Street in Elba.

The victim was identified at 26-year-old Donta Jaquin Rogers. He was transported immediately by Haynes Ambulance to Medical Center Enterprise, and later transported to Baptist South hospital in Montgomery, Ala.

Elba Police Chief Leslie Hussey said his department was notified later Thursday morning that Rogers had died as a result of his wounds.

Friday evening, Jan. 17, Chief Hussey said one per-



Donta Jaquin Rogers, age 26, died Thursday, Jan. 16, as a result of a gunshot wound he sustained at a Putnam Street residence in Elba.

son had been arrested in connection to this ongoing investigation.

With the assistance of the Opp Police Department, Hussey said a female suspect, Yatchauntaneeyah Henderson [street name Breezy], age 26, of Opp, Ala., was arrested Friday evening and charged with

tampering with physical evidence in this investigation. He said Henderson had been considered a witness in this case up until her arrest.

Following an interview with Elba Police last Friday evening, Henderson was placed in the Coffee County Jail for her tampering with evidence charge. Jail records show she was released on a \$5,000 bond Saturday afternoon, Jan. 18th.

"This is a very active homicide investigation," Chief Hussey said. "Our department has been following up on leads developed during the investigation."

The chief said there have been many rumors as to the participants in this violent act, and each statement has to either be confirmed or refuted. He said this is a very complex and convoluted situation, and investigators will be relying on proven investigative techniques and scientific analysis to help solve this crime, along



This residence at 617 Putnam Street, Elba, was the alleged scene of a shooting reported at 2:30 a.m. Thursday morning, Jan. 16, in Elba. Elba Police continue to investigate this crime in which one person died.

with information from the public at large.

"Anyone that has direct knowledge of this crime is asked to contact the Elba Police Department or their local law enforcement agency," Chief Hussey said.

He also thanked the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office, Opp Police Department, Coffee County Sheriff's Department, Samson Police Department, Kinston Police Department, Geneva Police Department, Atlanta Police Department,



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The Preservation Committee of the Elba Chamber of Commerce met with State Archives and History Curator Erik London last week to discuss ongoing projects. This committee has several preservation goals in place and wants to create an Elba Museum for all to enjoy. Committee members pictured above with London (left) include: Jean Helms, Peggy Stroud and Nell Gilmer.

Chamber's Preservation Committee working to restore landmark buildings in downtown Elba

A couple of landmark buildings located in downtown Elba currently are receiving attention thanks to the efforts of a Preservation Committee formed by the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

According to Sandy Bynum, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, the chamber's preservation committee met with State Archives and History Curator Erik London last week to discuss their projects. She said this committee has set preservation goals, including the establishment of an Elba museum.

Bynum said the committee had received a grant to put a roof on the old Coffee County Jail building, located on Putnam Street in Elba. This grant also included adding plexiglass windows to the building, and doors are set to be added soon.

Next door to the old jail building is where the birth home of former 2-time Alabama Governor Jim Folsom now sits, and it also is on the preservation list for the committee.

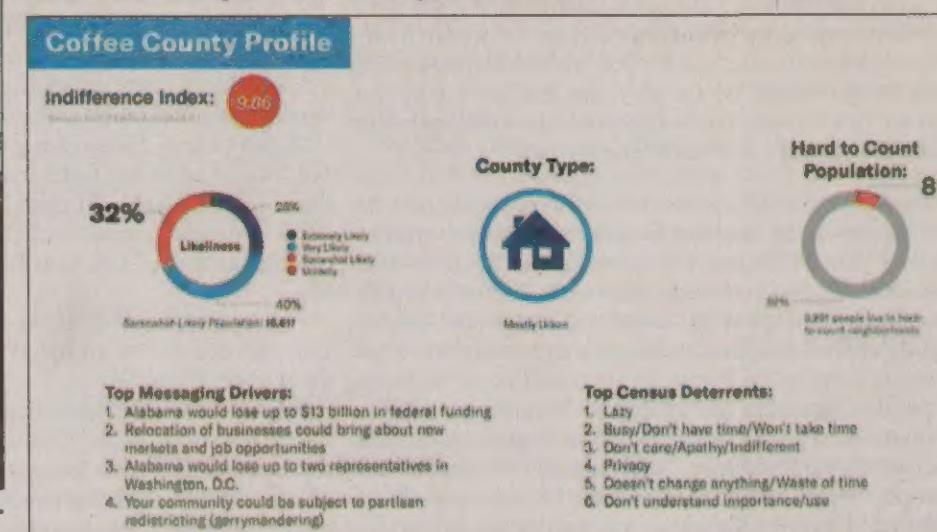
During a Coffee County Commission meeting held Monday, Jan. 13, commis-

sioners agreed to provide \$3,300 towards renovations of the Folsom home. Bynum said this is in addition to a donation received from Woodman of the World to put a new roof on the Folsom home.

"The Elba Chamber of Commerce also just received news that we've been awarded \$6,000 from the State Tourism Department for the Folsom Home renovations," Bynum added.



WALK OF REMEMBRANCE... The annual Walk of Remembrance honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was held Monday, Jan. 20, in New Brockton, Ala. A dozen individuals braved the cold weather to make the walk while several more followed behind them in vehicles. This was the 26th anniversary of the program honoring Dr. King in New Brockton. The walk, which went through downtown New Brockton ended at Greater Springfield Missionary Baptist Church where a special service was held with keynote speaker Rev. J.C. Fryer, pastor of Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church of Phenix City, Ala. Participating local churches participated in this special event.



Research shows likelihood of county participation ahead of 2020 Census

Research released last week by The Alabama Counts! 2020 Census Committee reveals early indications of both county likelihood in filling out Census forms, as well as top motivating factors influencing participation.

The research — which surveyed participants from all of Alabama's 67 counties — was commissioned by

Alabama Counts! and conducted by Birmingham-based New South Research.

"It's important for us to understand each county's odds of participating in the Census as well as accompanying motivations in order to understand how we can increase participation in apathetic areas," said Kenneth Boswell, Alabama Counts! Chair and director of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA).

"We can be more intentional in our outreach and education efforts in areas where we see the biggest need."

'Somewhat Likely' a Key Audience

Respondents were grouped into four separate categories regarding likelihood to participate: Extremely Likely, Very Likely, Somewhat Likely and Un-

likely. Alabama Counts! will place a heavy importance on the Somewhat Likely audience in terms of outreach and education efforts.

Lauderdale, Cleburne, Wilcox, Chilton and Lee counties ranked highest in the Somewhat Likely category.

"Historically, around 60 percent of Alabamians have responded to the U.S. Census, and that number lines up with people that said 'Extremely Likely' and 'Very Likely' in our research," said Boswell. "People that were 'Somewhat Likely' are the ones on the fence that we need to motivate to be counted. We have to share with them that it's safe, quick, easy and matters a great deal to their community."

A notable 43 percent of all counties polled indicated the primary factor deterring individuals from completing the Census was lack of understanding of its importance or use.

"What this tells us is that regardless of region — whether rural or urban — people need a greater understanding of what's at stake for Alabama in regard to the Census, as education will heavily influence their decision to fill out their forms," said Boswell. "Our job is to tell the Census story and

Area Happenings

THE JANUARY MEETING FOR THE DAV WIREGRASS CHAPTER 99 located in New Brockton, Ala. will be Thursday, Jan. 23, at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place in the New Brockton Senior Center. For further information contact Charles Lobbell at (334)718-5707.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Let us resolve to be masters, not the victims, of our history, controlling our destiny without giving way to blind suspicion and emotions." — John F. Kennedy

Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL), who lost both legs in the war on terror, asked his congressional colleagues one blunt question last week that yielded 80 seconds of dead silence. Rep. Mast waited silently after asking for names of any fallen Americans whose deaths didn't justify the recent drone attack that killed Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani earlier this month. Efforts from the presiding officer of the House Foreign Affairs Committee to gavel Mast down were ignored. This man who earned the right to speak the hard way . . . under fire in the combat zone made his point and did it respectfully. This is not Mast's only brush with others in government. He has been aiming some pointed questions at officials at the VA and is now having to vacate a congressional office in one of their facilities because the VA suddenly needs the space.

During the recent holiday season we reached up on the book shelf and picked up a book, Pulitzer Prize winning historian Jon Meacham's 2018 book 'The Soul of America' that had already been read a couple of times. This is good reading for anyone and especially anyone beginning to feel that America's widely opposing political opinions are driving the country over a cliff. He notes this is not the first time the country has been widely split and goes on to lay out many ups and downs of our history. Meacham quotes Abe Lincoln, "Better angels of our nature have repeatedly won the day." Another good quote is "The good news is we have come through such darkness before." His doesn't just grab these quotes from the sky but lays out his carefully researched historical events to make his points. Good reading and as usual with Meacham - well written.

Being careful not to get too brainy, we also reread a paperback novel based on rural life in the early days of America. It was enjoyable both times we have read it, but that one will never win a Pulitzer, and we doubt that novel was written with a literary prize in mind!

Now we are rereading "Leadership in Turbulent Times" by another Pulitzer winner and this one is a female. Doris Kearns Goodwin is well known, a former Harvard professor and author of a best seller on Lyndon Johnson and her Pulitzer winner on Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and several others that we haven't read. This one rewinds the uphill journey and overcoming of disasters for Abe Lincoln, both Teddy and Franklin D Roosevelt and LB Johnson on their climb to the office of President. Another good read human interest book.

We got on this kick of rereading these real good books after receiving a note that a first edition 'signed by the author' Christmas gift book was "sold out" and would be delayed. The promos on this new book sound great and we were suffering withdrawal pains and needed reading material relief — thus the bookshelf. By the way, this is exactly why our books are forever ours and not donated, etc. They are better reading the second — and third time around.

Senator Richard Shelby is not publicly announcing how he plans to vote in the ongoing Senate impeachment trial of President Donald Trump. His comments to the press this week leave all avenues open. However, if you have followed Shelby throughout his career you understand that his carefully crafted statement means you can surely win a bet by casting your lot on a vote for dismissal of the charges. His public comments are probably designed to test the waters of Alabama voters and beginning to position himself to be voting dismissal after "careful study of what he describes as "weak" evidence is presented to the members of the Senate. However if there is a bomb in the way of extremely damaging new evidence dropped during testimony, our Alabama senior senator can easily flip to vote the other way without being accused of flip-flopping.

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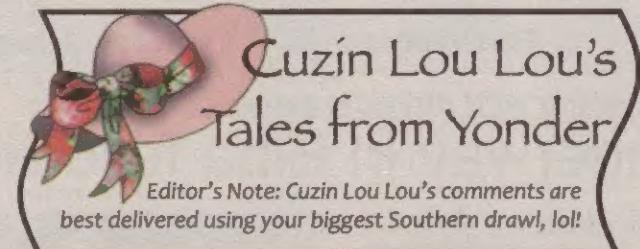
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2nd Annual Magic of Science exhibition coming to Birmingham in April

Birmingham Children's Theatre is thrilled to partner with Alabama Public Television and Southern Research to host the 2nd Annual Science Exhibition on Saturday, April 4th, at the BJCC (Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Center) from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

This year's theme, THE MAGIC OF SCIENCE,



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's comments are best delivered using your biggest Southern drawl, lol!

Cuzin Lou Lou has always considered herself a well-rounded individual when it comes to the ins and outs of "eating out" but lately she has been scratching her head at new trends.

Some time back, Cuzin Lou Lou was being treated to a birthday meal at a very nice out-of-town restaurant. It was one of those occasions where Lou Lou had gotten all gussied up and was looking rather nice [even if only in her own mind].

She was ready for the night life in the big city! Well... at least dinner.

Fast forward to seating at the restaurant, and the nice gentleman waiter, all snazzy in his bow tie, came to take the table's order. Cuzin Lou Lou had decided on a steak with baked potato [butter only — no sour cream for her] along with a nice side salad. And, of course, no meal is complete for a southern woman of Cuzin Lou Lou's stature without a glass of sweet tea!

Everything was going lovely, and then that nice young waiter delivered Cuzin Lou Lou's salad...

"What in the name of Yonder!!!!" Lou Lou exclaimed to her tablemates. "What is this?"

The kitchen obviously had run out of the good 'ole iceberg lettuce that Cuzin Lou Lou was accustomed to eating in her salad, and instead of someone running to the store to purchase more, they had gone out back and picked all the weeds they could find! Cuzin Lou Lou was being fed a weed-filled salad!

"I have never!" she was mortified.

Sister, being there too, assured Cuzin Lou Lou that simply was not the case. You see...Sister considers herself to be even more versed in the ways of the world than Lou Lou, so, she proceeded to explain that a spring mix salad was all the new crave, and that was what they would be 'enjoying' this particular evening.

Cuzin Lou Lou was not sure she believed Sister, but she proceeded to try this so-called salad that had been placed in front of her. However, her opinion did not improve upon tasting.

The bitterness of some of those ingredients [still weeds, as far as Lou Lou was concerned] made her toes curl quicker than a crazy cat chasing its own tail. The circle of deceit Sister had fallen prey to concerned Lou Lou.

"I don't know whose idea it was to ruin a salad this way, but I know what the folks from Yonder would say about this," Lou Lou said. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it! And, a good 'ole iceberg lettuce salad just ain't broke!"

Sister instructed Lou Lou to hush before someone heard her.

Fortunately, the evening was not all lost as the steak Lou Lou had decided to go for as her main entrée was much more to her liking.

As time has passed since that first encounter with the imposter restaurant salad, Cuzin Lou Lou has accepted that some people just can't leave a salad be, and they must add all those different leaves [weeds] to today's salad, but she has learned to ask before ordering hers to be certain she will be served a proper salad!

Sister just continues to her eyes each and every time Lou Lou has an outburst over said salad options. And, her common response following that eye roll generally is, "You have lost your mind!"

None the less, Cuzin Lou Lou stands by her beliefs. Sister and her friends can eat those backyard weeds and call them a 'Spring Mix' if they so desire. As for Cuzin Lou Lou, she will stick with the good 'ole iceberg lettuce because that's how they do it Somewhere Over Yonder, and if it ain't broke...

Until next time... God Bless and Keep Smiling!

** Cuzin Lou Lou is, simply put, a figment of the imagination. Each week, Cuzin Lou Lou will explore actual stories, happenings and more by adding a bit of humor to each from her homeland of Somewhere Over Yonder. The intent of this column is to take a light-hearted look at things and be entertaining only. As a side note, Cuzin Lou Lou will make her first public appearance Saturday evening, Feb. 22, at Basin Baptist Church's Winter Social event.



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celebrates human innovation, curiosity, and scientific understanding. Students in grades 3rd through 8th are invited to select a scientific innovation that was once viewed as magic, research and document the historical understanding and modern scientific developments, then design and implement an experiment or project

that demonstrates the innovation and discuss the history of its shift from magic to science.

Students may work individually or in groups. First, Second, and Third place prizes will be awarded to individual students and groups in both the Elementary School Category (3rd - 5th grades) and the Middle School Category (6th - 8th grades).

"Southern Research has a long history of transforming ideas that once seemed like magic into scientific discoveries that save lives. Allowing Alabama students the opportunity to participate in experiential learning experiences like "The Magic of Science" gives them a taste of what scientists do every day." (Rebecca Yeager, Resident Artist of Birmingham Children's Theatre)

The Sword in the Stone is the story of King Arthur as you've never seen it before! Young Arty has a date with destiny when he pulls that fateful sword from its rocky sheath. But becoming King requires many lessons along the way, and only the old wizard Merlin can help point him in the right direction. This world premiere by Shaan Sharma brings us a legendary tale of quarreling families, brave knights, tricky magicians, fearful dragons, and a small boy with a giant

Entry forms are due March 4th, 2020 and can be found at <http://www.bct123.org/science-fair>

Elba Police Report

FRIDAY, JAN. 17 — Officers responded to a residence in the area of Caroline St in reference to a possible altercation (12:03 a.m.); Officers responded to a wreck in the area of Old Curtis Rd near Hwy 84 (8:08 a.m.); Officers responded to a residence in area of Pine Circle in reference to an unruly subject in the area causing a disturbance (1:04 p.m.); Officers responded to a business in the area of Larkin Rd due to a request to do a welfare check on the owner of the business — the subject in question was subsequently transported to a local area hospital (1:58 p.m.); Officers responded to a residence in the area of Larkin Rd due to a request to do a welfare check on the owner of the business — the subject in question was subsequently transported to a local area hospital (1:58 p.m.); Officers responded to a residence in area of Pine Circle in reference to an unruly subject in the area causing a disturbance (1:04 p.m.); Officers responded to a business in the area of Larkin Rd due to a request to do a welfare check on the owner of the business — the subject in question was subsequently transported to a local area hospital (1:58 p.m.); 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why it should matter to every Alabamian."

For instance, 41 percent of respondents believed it would take more than 12 minutes to fill out their Census — with 38 percent reporting that they were unsure of the time investment. In reality, there are only 10 questions for a head of household and six per additional person. Ultimately, participation should take five minutes or less.

Motivating factors

Research participants were given eight encouraging factors in influencing their likelihood of Census participation, including options pertaining to congressional representation, civic duty, funding, job growth and partisan redistricting.

The top motivating factor was the potential loss in federal funding, followed by the potential relocation of businesses/job opportunities and lastly, the potential loss of federal representation.

"No matter where you live, the thought of our state losing federal funding for things like education, infrastructure or community initiatives is a daunting one," said Boswell. "We have to show individuals that even if they think their participation won't matter — it will. And for generations to come."

Despite varying motivations, an impressive 63 percent of all respondents say participating in the Census it will strongly benefit their community and 69 percent say it matters a great deal that they personally are counted.

Effects of Moving Online

This marks the first Census in American history in which participants can fill out their forms online. In today's digital world — and with technology at so many Americans' fingertips — research among Alabama shows surprising results for this new era in Census recording.

When analyzing the positive or negative effect of moving the Census online by county, 67 percent — 45 of the state's 67 counties — showed a negative impression.

"There could be many reasons for this, including distrust of providing online personal information or distrust in a new federal method," said Boswell. "Regardless, people need to know they can still take the Census via historically tried-and-true methods."

Beginning on or around March 13, 2020, each Alabama household will receive a postcard from the U.S. Census Bureau with instructions for how to complete the 2020 Census. Alabamians may respond in three ways: online, telephone or traditional paper form.

Alabama Counts! will continue to ramp-up both outreach and education efforts at the state level as the mid-March 2020 Census launch takes place, with a heavy focus through May to encourage Alabamians to self-respond to the census.

"We encourage everyone to respond during the initial period in the spring," Boswell said. "The Census form is simple to complete, and the data provided is private and protected by law."

About Alabama Counts!

The Alabama Counts! 2020 Census Committee is an advisory group composed of public and private statewide organizations committed to working together to ensure each Alabamian is counted in the 2020 Census. Alabama Counts! builds trust in communities and promotes the 2020 Census. Through these efforts, we are striving for maximum participation in every community across the state.

Local students named to Chancellor's List for fall semester at Troy University

Troy University has revealed local students who have been named to the Chancellor's List for the Fall Semester and Term 2 of the 2019/2020 academic year.

Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who earn a grade point average of 4.0 qualify for the Chancellor's List. The Fall Semester includes students at the Troy, Ala., campus. Term 2 includes students at TROY's cam-

puses in Dothan, Phenix City and Montgomery, Ala., along with locations outside of Alabama and online.

Area students named to the Chancellor's List include:

Elba — Kerry Hussey, Jenny Reed, Rosanne Thrash, and Alexander Beerstrauch;

Kinston — Hagen Hall;

New Brockton — Courtney Calhoun, Katie Kelley, Brittnay Lee, Caroline Morgan, and Kinsley Morgan;

Jack — Savannah Parker.

Local students named to the Provost's List for fall semester at Troy University

Troy University has revealed local students who have been named to the Provost's List for the Fall Semester and Term 2 of the 2019/2020 academic year.

Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who have a grade point average of at least 3.65 qualify for the Provost's List. The Fall Semester includes students at the Troy, Ala., campus. Term 2 includes students at TROY's campuses in Dothan, Phenix City and Montgomery, Ala., along with

locations outside of Alabama and online.

Local students named to the list include:

Elba — Jasmaine Henderson, Saeger Johnson, Anna Nelson, Joshua Simmons and Kaylor Hataway;

New Brockton — Samuel Boyd, Megan Green, Ashley Morgan, and Tori Gainey; and

Jack — Madison Powell.

The Coffee County Board of Education will meet Thursday, Jan. 23, at 5 p.m. for a called meeting of the board.

Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

MARY JEAN GAMEZ

Mrs. Mary Jean (Jernigan) Gamez, age 78, of Castro Valley, Calif., died August 8, 2019 in San Leandro, Calif. with her family at her bedside.

Graveside services were held Jan. 18, 2020 at Pyrom Chapel Baptist Church in Baker, Fla. with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala. directing. In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials be made to the Salvation Army in her memory.

Mrs. Gamez was preceded in death by sisters, Marjorie Pridgen & Frances Clark; and a son, Geoffrey Gamez.

Survivors include her husband of 57 years: Robert A. Gamez, San Leandro; sons: Robert Charpentier, Jeremy and Johnathan Gamez; grandchildren: Mercy Charpentier, Iris Tansley, and Julia Charpentier; Katherine, Joshua, Kenneth, Zachary, Christopher Gamez; great-granddaughter: Zoya Tansley; sisters: Eloise Crisp, Jorene Conn, and Marie Lindsey.

PHILLIP HAYES HAMM

Dr. Phillip Hayes Hamm, DVM, age 85, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Jan. 13, 2020, at his home.

Funeral services were held Jan. 17, 2020 at Elba United Methodist Church with Reverend Steve Reneau officiating. Burial services followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Hamm was married to his beloved June for over 65 years, the last 10 years of her life as a devoted caregiver. The family requests the omission of flowers and ask memorials be made to the Elba United Methodist Church, 503 Davis Street West, Elba, AL 36323 in memory of Phillip.

Survivors include his sons: Rodney (Teresa) Hamm, Dothan, Ala., Mark (Margaret) Hamm, Cullman, Ala. and Carl (Wanda) Hamm, Auburn, Ala.; brother: Wayne Hamm, Birmingham, Ala.; grandsons: Stephen (Megan) Hamm, Dothan, Kevin (Carrie) Hamm, Greenville, SC and Brad (Retta) Hamm, Odenville, Ala.; granddaughters: Sarah (John) Higginbotham, Cullman, and Ellen (Chris) Hamby, Helena, Ala.; along with eight great-grandchildren.

ELLA 'SUE' PHELPS WALLS

Mrs. Ella "Sue" Phelps Walls, age 67, of New Brockton, Ala., died Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020 at her home.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020, at Woodland Grove Baptist

Church, New Brockton, with Rev. Roger Lee and Reverend Donnie Marler officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery with Sorrells Funeral Home & Crematory of Enterprise directing.

Flowers were accepted, or donations may be made to Woodland Grove Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 681, Elba, AL 36323.

Sue was born September 19, 1952, in Elba, Ala. She met her husband of 45 years on September 3rd; they were engaged on September 14th and married October 5th.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil Wade Phelps and Ella Mildred Trawick Phelps; brothers, Larry and Perry Phelps; sister, Linda DeVaughan and brother-in-law, Ronald DeVaughan.

Survivors include her husband: Carey Walls, New Brockton; sons: Derek Walls and Brian (Jennifer) Walls, both of New Brockton; sister-in-law: Ann Phelps, Samson, Ala.; special friend: Jean Wilkins Mitchell, Marianna, Fla.; two grandsons: Christian and Jordan Walls; several nieces and nephews; special aunts: Nellie (J.L.) Johnson and Jenelle (Bill) Boland and uncles.

JENNIFER WELLS

Mrs. Jennifer Wells, age 38, a resident of Opp, Ala., died Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020, at her home.

Funeral services were held Jan. 21, 2020 at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Johnny Lawrence officiating. Burial followed in the Zoar Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Jennifer was preceded in death by her father, Frank Michael Wells.

Survivors include her husband: Edward M. Updegraff, Opp; mother: Debra Odom (L. C.) Cook, Elba; step-sisters: Linda Anderson, Marietta, Ga., and Crystal Nelson, Opp; and step-brothers: Marcus Cook, Port Saint Lucie, Fla., Troy Cook, Opp, and Jamie Brockton, Ozark, Ala.

PATSY GRANTHAM LEE

Mrs. Patsy Grantham Lee, age 83, died peacefully

Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020. A graveside service was held Jan. 18, 2020 at the Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Rev. Steve Reneau officiating.

The family will be accepting flowers, or a contribution can be made in Mrs. Lee's memory to Elba United Methodist Church 503 W. Davis Street Elba, AL 36323.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020, at Woodland Grove Baptist

Church, New Brockton, with Rev. Roger Lee and Reverend Donnie Marler officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery with Sorrells Funeral Home & Crematory of Enterprise directing.

Flowers were accepted, or donations may be made to Woodland Grove Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 681, Elba, AL 36323.

Mrs. Lee was preceded in death by her best friend and husband of 62 years, Albert M. Lee; father, Lonnie Grantham, mother, Robbie Sasser Grantham, brothers, L. C. Grantham, William Norman (Coot) Grantham, and Billy Joe (Buck) Grantham, and a sister, Grace Bensz.

Survivors include her daughters: Debbie Curran (Robbie), Elba, and Tina Jernigan (Tommy), Birmingham, Ala.; grandsons: Jason Curran (Emily), Homewood, Ala., Matthew Curran (Julia), Carrollton, Ga., Merrill Curran, Elba, and Clay Jernigan, Birmingham; granddaughter: Ashlee Clay (John Michael), Murray, Ky.; great-grandchildren: Lucy Curran, Chloe Curran, and Jax Clay.

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MILFORD WILLIAM JOHNSON

Mr. Milford William Johnson, age 91, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Milford dedicated his life to serving his Lord and Savior at an early age, and served as pastor of various churches in Coffee, Covington, and Etowah counties for over 64 years.

Funeral services were held Jan. 20, 2020 from Wyatt Funeral Home Chapel in Opp, Ala., with Bro. Elbert Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Ino Baptist Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Camp Victory, 363 Victory Circle, Samson, AL 36477.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Houston Holley; brother, Harold Quinton Wilson grandchildren, Leah Holley Day and Heather Holley; and great-grandchildren, Blaine Holley.

Survivors include her sons: Nick Holley and Martha, Mike Holley, Rick Holley and Ann; daughter: Linda Holley Jones; eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

The family will be accepting flowers, or those wishing to make memorials are asked to do so to Ino Baptist Church, 6157 Hwy 134, Kinston, Alabama 36453.

Milford was preceded in death by his first wife, Annette Mercer Johnson; parents, Lillie and Roy Johnson; along with siblings, Nancie Wise, Kilbie Johnson, and Henry "Buck" Johnson.

Survivors include his wife: Sara Nell Johnson,

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CHURCH NEWS

Pastor's Corner

WILL JORDAN, PASTOR
NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Humble and Obedient!

In Philippians 2: 5-8 the Apostle Paul writes: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who being in the form of God did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bond servant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death of the cross."

Some people question why the Highest, the most magnificent God, came to the world in a form of an ordinary child? God wants us to learn a lot from Jesus. He is the Son of God, but He knows that God has a big plan for His creation. He knows that without coming to the world Himself, humans will perish in their sin. He knows that it takes a living sacrifice for a true and eternal redemption. He knows that it is only He who can save us. That's why, without considering His position as God's Son, He chose to obey God and sacrificed Himself to fulfill God's plan.

We humans sometimes try to defend our rights and positions. But, if Jesus Himself conceded His position because of His love for us, why should we feel that we must keep ours? If Jesus Himself thinks that living according to God's will is more important than anything, why should we consider ourselves better than we are? Yes, we all want our rights, but I am a firm believer that just because we have the right to do something, does not necessarily make it the right thing to do.

When I think back to the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I am amazed at this man's faith. Dr. King, of course, taught change through nonviolence, and unfortunately, fifty two years following his assassination, WE STILL DON'T GET IT! It appears that we, as a people, cannot simply agree to disagree; we have to raise the ugly head of violence to supposedly make our case. School and church shootings, sex trafficking, killing police officers and making statements based on race or ethnicity seems to be the normal of our time. Well, it is not normal; we are all God's creation and just because He gave us a brain to think does not mean He wants us to have a heart that is hardened. Are we ever going to live in a world that is free from prejudice and hate? I wish I could be convinced that we will, but it is unlikely this side of eternity. My favorite quote from Dr. King is, "We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."

This, dear friends, is a great truth, but again, I just don't think we get it! Christ came in all humility and walked the earth as a man; however, He is coming back, not as a servant, but in all His Majesty and Glory. Each of us will meet God and be brought to account for our dealings on earth, good or bad. What will your eternal destiny be?

Now is the time that we need to carry out Jesus' second great commandment, as revealed in the Gospel of Matthew 22:39 - "And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Sometimes, I think even professing Christians forget these wonderful words of our Lord. In order to truly follow Jesus we must come to a decision to be humble and obedient. When I self-reflect, I can only strive for the humility and obedience possessed by our Lord and Savior. When we have a tendency to get our feathers ruffled, we would do well to remember the voluntary actions of Jesus. We tend to do things and say things that are neither humble nor obedient. When this happens, we need to pray for God's forgiveness and make amends to others.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Diana White, Pastor
Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship 9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) 6:00 p.m.

Church Directory

EVANGELIST TEMPLE OF GOD IN CHRIST
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.
Linda Williams, Pastor
Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even. 7:30 p.m.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST-ENTERPRISE
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening 7:00 p.m.

NEW HABERDASHY CHURCH
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
C.P. Davis, Pastor
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH
Donald Mills, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Terry McRae, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Services 7:15 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Shayne Allen, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:45 p.m.
Wed. Worship 7:00 p.m.

PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON
Terry McRae, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:45 p.m.
Wed. Worship 7:00 p.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening 7:00 p.m.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Terry McRae, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
Randall Pearson, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 6:00 p.m.

ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH
James Boots, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 6:30 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH
Ken Wilson, Pastor
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 6:30 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Roy L. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 6:30 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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Ken Wilson, Pastor
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 6:30 p.m.

WISKE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Kenneth Hagler, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME CHURCH
James Boots, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Donnie Marler, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Service 6:00 p.m.

ZION CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Mike Medley, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Gary Mudd, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

ZION CHAPEL OF JESUS CHRIST
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 12:00 a.m.
Even. Service 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon. 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class 7:00 p.m.
Fri. Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.

THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH
John Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH
John Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night 7:00 p.m.

ELBAZON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Lorraine Flowers, Minister
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Lorraine Flowers, Minister
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. 2nd & 4th Sundays

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Brad Sasser, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Service 5:00 p.m.

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LIFESTYLES



Elba Elementary School Pre-K teacher Angela Newby received the Southeast Insurance and Real Estate "Teacher of the Month" award for December 2019. The presentation was made for Southeast Insurance and Real Estate by Ronnie Young (right). Pictured with Mrs. Newby (back, center) is her co-teacher Sara Mitchell and their Pre-K students.

Elba's Angela Newby named "Teacher of Month" for December

Elba Elementary School Pre-K teacher Angela Newby was selected as the Southeast Insurance and Real Estate "Teacher of the Month" for December 2019.

Newby, a native of Iron City, Ga., has been teaching for 21 years [as of May this year]. She has a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree each from Troy University.

"Teaching Pre-K has been the best experience of my teaching career," Newby said. "As Pre-K teachers, we get to set the bar for their [students] love of learning."

Newby said a lot of people may think that all Pre-K does is play all day, but it is quite the contrary.

"We make the children think they are only playing when in actuality they are learning while having fun."

Elba Senior Center to host SARCOA reps Wednesday, Jan. 29, to assist senior citizens in applying for programs

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citizens [age 60+] in signing up for the Senior

Farmers Market Nutrition Voucher Booklets.

The Elba Sr. Citizens Center is located at 304 Factory St., in downtown Elba.

SARCOA representatives also will assist the seniors in screening for the SNAP food assistance program and other state benefits. Eligibility for these programs is based on age and household income. Information needed includes gross monthly income for each household member, date of birth, phone, mailing address and the last four digits of the individuals' Social Security number.

To become a center participant, attendance is not based on income. If interested in joining the center, stop by or call 897-3019. The Elba Senior Citizens Center is located at 304 N. Factory Ave., Elba. Also, seniors age 60 and older that cannot come to the center may qualify for meals being brought to home. Contact Donna Falls, Elba Senior Center director, for more information.

This is open to the public. SARCOA serves senior citizens in Barbour, Coffee, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Henry and Houston counties.

The subject of the meeting will be Census 2020, grants, scholarships and federal recognition.

All Tribe members are encouraged to attend.

Storytellers set to perform at annual Pike Pidders Storytelling Festival set for Jan. 24th and 25th in Pike County

Tickets are now on sale for the Pike Pidders Storytelling Festival, January 24 and 25, 2020.

The 14th annual storytelling festival will open with supper and stories on Friday night at the We Piddle Around Theater in Brundidge [this performance is sold out already] and continue with three storytelling concerts at the Trojan Center Theater on the campus of Troy University in Troy on Saturday, Jan. 25.

Donald Davis, the Dean of Storytelling, will be joined by Appalachian Josh Goforth, Texan Barbara McBride-Smith and West Virginian Bill Lepp. All four tellers are back for 2020 by popular demand, so it will be difficult for even a preacher to hold a candle to her when she catches fire.

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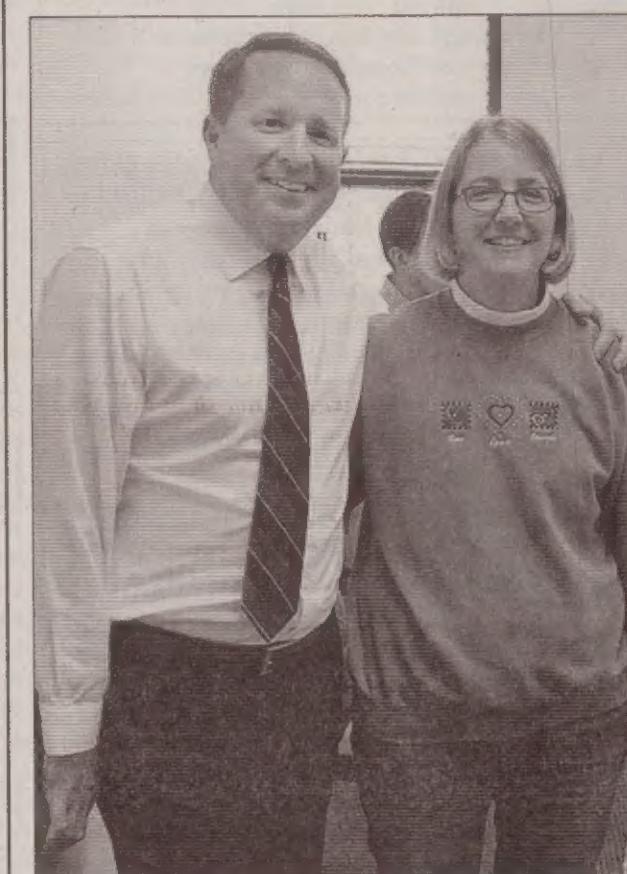
playing foot-stomping fiddle music or telling stories of his growing up among the tobacco fields in the mountains of Western North Carolina.

Barbara McBride-Smith is the female's answer to Donald Davis, Bowden said. "When she steps to the microphone, she takes off and she never slows down. With that Texas twang, she reminds you of a carnival barker or a fire and brimstone preacher. It would be difficult for even a preacher to hold a candle to her when she catches fire."

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He is the son of the late James O. Wilson and Lessie M. Wilson, Enterprise. His mother-in-law is Cora B. Jones.

Colonel Wilson is a native of Enterprise and graduated from Enterprise High School in 1972. He graduated with Honors from Alabama State University, Montgomery, Alabama in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminology. He entered the Air Force in 1977 as a distinguished graduate of

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Elba Elementary School announces start of pre-registration for First Class Pre-K Program

Online applications for pre-registration into the First Class Pre-K Program – this is Alabama's Voluntary Pre-K Program for Elba Elementary School is underway now.

This is for the 2020-2021 school year.

According to Kenya Martin, counselor at Elba Elementary School, the pre-registration dates are Jan. 15 – March 27th. She

said forms can be accessed online at <https://alprek.asap-connected.com>, and representatives at Elba City Schools can provide assistance in filling out the forms if needed.

Enrollment is open to all children four years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2020 who are residents of the state of Alabama [children who are eligible for kindergarten are ineligible for this

program]. Enrollees must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate. Also, enrollees must provide proof of residence – either a current utility bills or copy of a lease or mortgage. These documents may be uploaded into the online pre-registration site or submitted directly to Elba Elementary School, according to Martin.

There is no registration fee. Upon enrollment, the child's immunization record must be provided.

Acceptance into the First Class Pre-K Program will strictly be through a random drawing to be held March 27th at Elba Elementary School at 9 a.m. The child's parent/guardian does not have to be present at the drawing.

Notices regarding the drawing will be emailed beginning April 16th. For more information about the state's program, visit www.children.alabama.gov and see Pre-Registration Info under the First Class Pre-K tab. No child will be denied participation on basis of income, sex, race, color, national origin, or disability.

Troy University jazz ensemble plans Feb. 14th concert

The Troy University vocal jazz ensemble, "Frequency" (stylized "frequency"), will perform a special concert on Friday night, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. in Long Hall Choral Room 107 on the Troy Campus.

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The audience will be treated to jazz standards like "Here's that Rainy Day," "Two for the Road" and "I've Got You Under My Skin."

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Me Up from Bones" and "Green Lights") and Rosana Eckert ("For Elizabeth"), among others.

"We will also have a few surprise guest artists and featured frequency alums – all in all, this will be a feel-good set of songs that will leave you smiling and feeling the love," Orlofsky said.

The Elba Nursing and Rehab Center is planning a 100th Birthday Bash for resident Nancy Flowers on Sunday, Jan. 26, at 2 p.m.

Troy University's online programs ranked among best

Several of Troy University's online degree programs have been recognized by U.S. News and World Report in its "2020 Best Online Programs" rankings, which were released last week.

TROY was ranked 52nd

out of 353 universities in the "Best Online Bachelors Programs" overall category

and was ranked in the top 35 institutions in terms of "Best Online Bachelors Programs for Veterans."

The rankings consider a

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TROY was also included

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All of you helped make Christmas special to some very appreciative citizens. Thank you for your support!

LBWCC seeks pregnant women for ultrasounds

LBW Community College's Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) program is seeking pregnant women for Best OB sonographer."

"We are asking for volunteers to allow our students the opportunity to obtain real-world clinical experiences in the ultrasound program," said Program Director Olivia Bush.

Appointments for these free, non-diagnostic OB ultrasounds will be scheduled throughout the current semester on Wednesday afternoons, 1-4 p.m., and Thursday mornings, 9 a.m.-noon, now through April 9, 2020. For this ultrasound, volunteers must first meet a few requirements.

"The volunteer must have already had at least one well-baby ultrasound. They also must have their doctor's approval on a signed LBWCC Doctor Consent Form," said Bush. "Each volunteer should plan to spend roughly two hours to give students time to practice, learn, and to obtain the picture. It is

important for volunteers to understand that these ultrasounds are performed by students in the presence of an ARDMS certified OB sonographer."

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OB volunteers will be contributing to the knowledge base and experience of our students, helping to prepare them for the work force through this real-world clinical exercise.

Consent forms are available at LBWCC in Opp and through the College website at www.lbwcc.edu. If interested, contact Sierra Brown at sbrown@lbwcc.edu or call (334) 493-5389 to schedule an appointment.

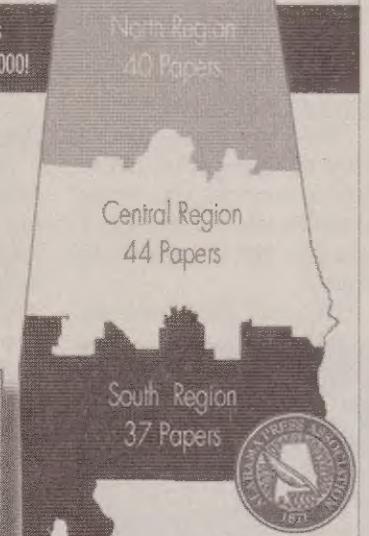
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Elba High Baseball plans annual Old Timers vs. Rookies event for Saturday, Feb. 8th

The Elba High School baseball program kicks off the season each year in a unique and fun way, and this year will be no different as the annual Old-Timers vs Rookies Hit-A-Thon and Game event is set for Saturday, Feb. 8, at the baseball field on Elba High School's campus.

This is a family event for all ages, and anyone not in school can enter the Old Timers Hit-A-Thon. A fundraiser for the baseball program, there is an entry fee of \$25, and each participant is given 15 swings. Prizes will be awarded for longest hit and most hits.

Registration for the Old-Timers Hit-A-Thon begins at 9:30 a.m. with the event slated to start at 10 a.m.

There will be a lunch break at 12 noon, and tickets are on sale now for a ribeye steak sandwich plat with chips and dessert. These plates are \$10, and anyone can purchase a plate to eat there or to take home.

If interested in purchasing a ribeye steak plate, contact any junior varsity or varsity baseball player today. Pick-up plates will be available from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Following lunch, the always entertaining Old-Timers vs. Rookies baseball game will begin at 1 p.m. [Times are estimates and depend on the number of participants].

Make plans now to enjoy some baseball fun Saturday, Feb. 8, in Elba while also helping to support the Elba High School Baseball program.

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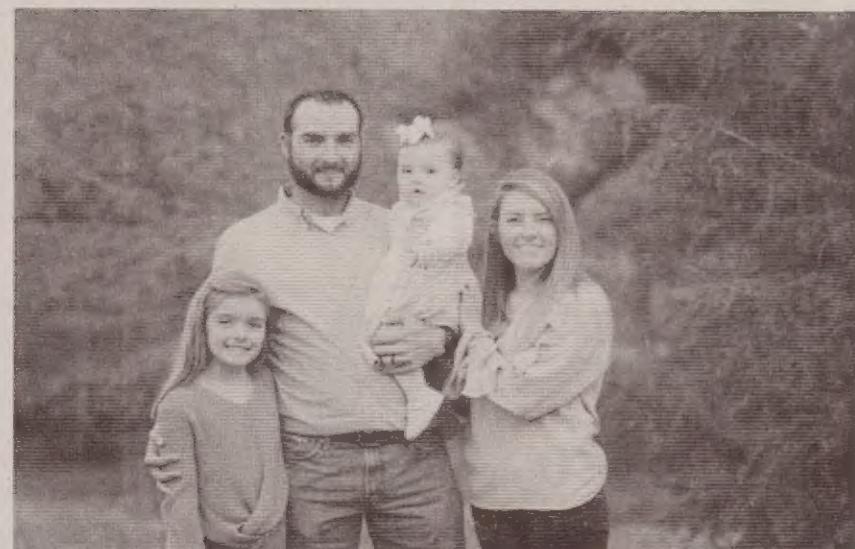
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SPORTS NEWS

Views From
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By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson missed a couple of days at school last week to help take care of his Nanny after her surgery in Birmingham, but still kept up with his lessons as his Nanny made sure he did his homework and studied for his classes. Hey, never a day off for a student, even for a third grader!

For what it is worth....

*** **The Elba Tigers had a winless week** on the basketball court last week as they lost on the road to Brantley, Kinston and Opp. The loss to Brantley wasn't really a surprise, but the area loss to Kinston was a shocker to most all Tiger fans and the loss to Opp wasn't one that felt too good after the Tigers raced out to a 17-point first quarter lead. Elba has struggled all season due to a lack of experience and quality depth, but the loss down at Kinston was one nobody saw coming and turned the season from bad to worse. Hey, maybe the Tigers will put it all together down the stretch and make a run in the area tournament.... stranger things have happened.

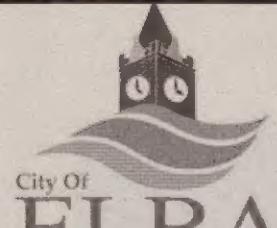
*** **The Elba Lady Tigers suffered their first area loss** of the season with a road loss at Kinston, but did post wins over Brantley and Opp to keep their winning season alive and well. The loss to Kinston left the Lady Tigers with two 'must wins' against area foes in the coming weeks, but hopefully served as a wake up call to the girls that the most important game on the schedule is always the next game, and that past wins make little difference in achieving one's goal.

*** **The area teams all had busy weeks** as the regular season continued to wind down. In boys action, Brantley continued to make lots of noise and score lots of points as it makes plans for a long post-season run, while Zion Chapel has all but locked up the number two seed in the area and appears headed for a sub-region berth, Kinston knocked off Elba for a win that will help soothe the pain of a losing season, and New Brockton posted a big win over Samson and is still improving almost every night out. Over with the girls, Kinston opened some eyes with a big area win over Elba that kept the Lady Bulldogs title hopes alive, while Brantley suffered a home loss to Elba that hurt its chances at hosting the area tourney, Zion Chapel appeared ready to lock down the number two seed in its area and may have a sub-region spot ahead, and New Brockton continued to struggle.

*** **The baseball and softball seasons** are just around the corner and here in Elba the Tigers are hard at work loosening their arms up for the upcoming season. The team has very few players that are involved in basketball, which should give the team a head start on some of its opponents in early-season action. Tiger baseball fans are expecting a winning season and a trip to the post-season, which is a change from years past when all they hoped for was to get a couple of wins.

*** **In closing....** I want to thank all our friends that remembered Kathy in their prayers last week concerning her surgery at UAB. Their prayers were answered as she made it home safely and is on the mend. True friends are a God-send and your prayers are very much appreciated and will no doubt be returned in favors in days ahead.

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*Record slips to 2-9***Elba stumbles through winless week**

The Elba Tigers hit the court three times last week in high school basketball action and stumbled in all three games as they lost to Brantley 71-41, Kinston 52-48 and Opp 72-45 to fall to 2-9 on the season.

Following are recaps of all three games:

Brantley 71 Elba 41

The Elba Tigers fell behind 20-4 in the opening quarter and never recovered last Monday afternoon in a 71-41 area loss to the Brantley Bulldogs.

Chrystyle Caldwell scored four points for the Tigers in the opening stanza, but was the only Tiger to find his way to the goal, while Adam Carlisle and Taye Person both scored 5 points for the Bulldogs as they raced out to a 20-4 lead.

Collin Harrison drained three 3-pointers and Chrystyle Caldwell added 8 points in the second quarter as the Tigers matched the Bulldogs basket for basket. However, Elba failed to cut into the deficit and at the half trailed 39-23.

Harrison added three more 3-pointers in the third quarter to give the Elba fans a reason to cheer, but Brantley never backed down and poured in 26 points in the stanza to carry a big 65-37 lead into the fourth quarter.

John Martin Wilson hit an early 3-pointer for the Tigers in the final stanza, but Brantley never lost command and with the clock running due to the lopsided score the Bulldogs coasted in with the 71-41 area win over the Tigers.

Collin Harrison scored 18 points and Chrystyle Caldwell added 15 to lead Elba, while Taye Person scored 20 points to lead the Bulldogs.

B'ley (71): Dixon 12, Person 20, Richardson 2, Smith 3, Edwards 10, Dunn 7, Burnett 8, Carlisle 10.

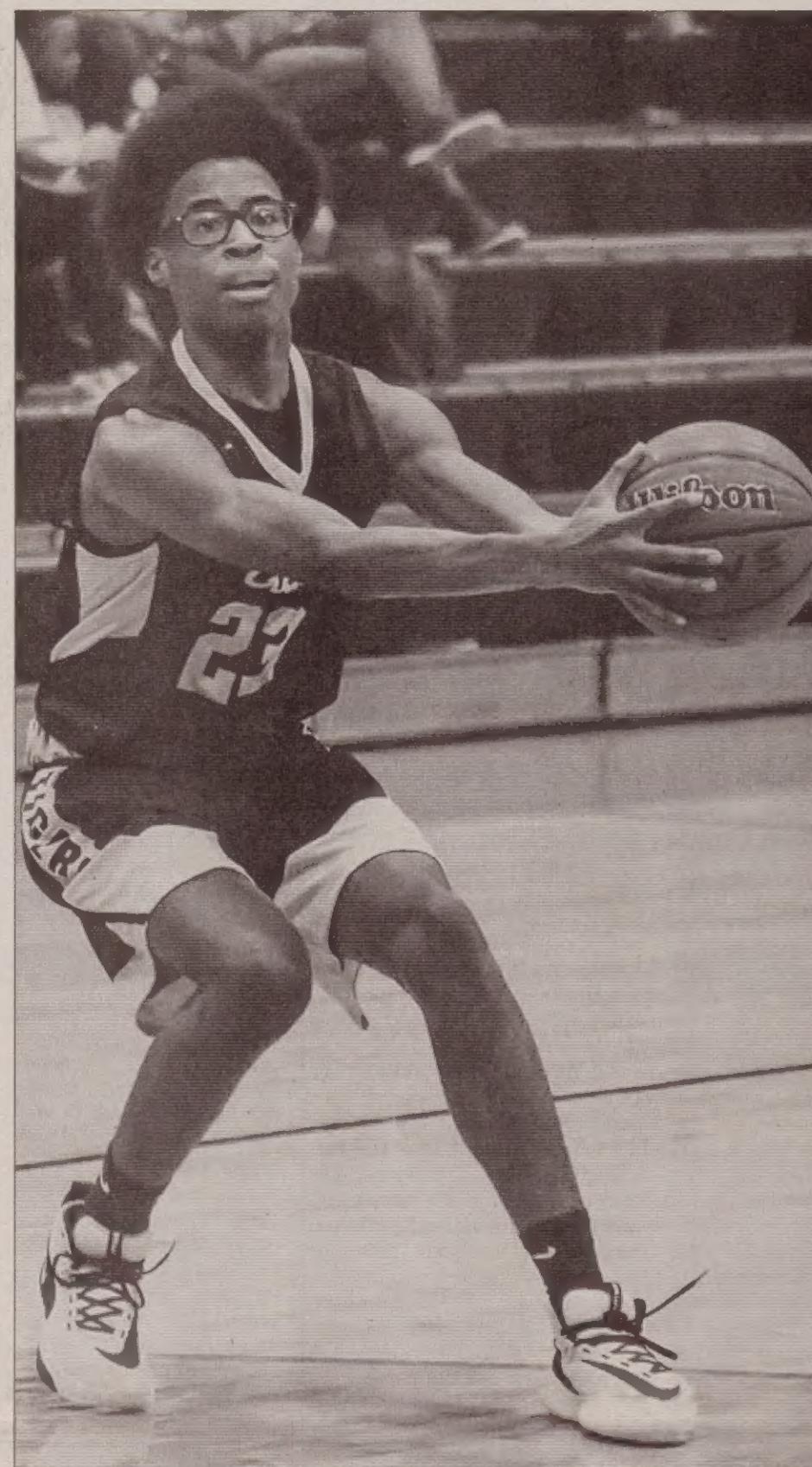
Elba (41): Moguel 1, Harrison 18, Carnley 2, Epps 2, Wilson 3, Caldwell 15.

Kinston 52 Elba 48

The Elba Tigers watched a nine point fourth quarter lead vanish late in a surprising 52-48 area loss to the Kinston Bulldogs, Thursday night in Kinston.

Levi Carnley and John Martin Wilson both drained 3-pointers in the opening stanza to get the Tigers off to a fast start, but Cale Sumblin and Reece Hall combined for nine points for the Bulldogs as Kinston pulled out to an 11-10 lead.

Chrystyle Caldwell muscled inside to score four points in the second quarter as Elba kept within striking distance. However, Kinston's Cale Sumblin and Ayden Wallace combined for 10 points in the stanza and at the half the Bulldogs went in with a 23-20 advantage.



Elba Tiger Dylan Caldwell (23) grabs a loose ball during action last week in Brantley. Caldwell scored 13 points in the Tigers area loss to Kinston in mid-week play.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

The Tigers came out determined to take charge in the third quarter and behind the scoring of Dylan Caldwell and JT Coleman and an aggressive Elba defense, the Tigers caught the Bulldogs and carried a 34-29 lead heading into the final stanza.

Elba's lead grew to nine points early in the fourth quarter. However, Kinston began to battle back, and led by a 15-point outburst by Ayden Wallace and 10 points from the free throw line, the Bulldogs caught the Tigers late and went on to claim the 52-48 win.

Chrystyle Caldwell and Dylan Caldwell both scored 13 points to lead Elba, while Ayden Wallace scored 23 points and Cale Sumblin added 12 to spark the Bulldogs.

K'ton (52): Senn 2, Patterson 3, Hall 9, Sumblin 12, Wallace 23, Crosby 3.

Elba (48): Tidwell 2, Harrison 5, Carnley 3, Coleman 5, Wilson 7, C. Caldwell 13, D. Caldwell 13.

Levi Carnley and Byron Burks both added 3-pointers in the third quarter as the

pace of the game quickened, but it was the Bobcats that did most of the running up and down the court as Opp's Erik Matthews poured in 13 points and the Bobcats lit up the scoreboard for 31 points to take a 54-43 lead.

Chrystyle Caldwell scored early in the final stanza to give the Tigers hopes of a late comeback, but it was the only points the Tigers would score in the quarter and Opp never slowed down as the Bobcats pulled away to claim the lopsided 72-45 win.

Collin Harrison scored 13 points to lead Elba, while Erik Matthews scored 26 points and Brian Matthews added 22 to lead the Bobcats.

Opp (72): B. Matthews 22, Day 3, Ridgeway 2, E. Matthews 26, Head 1, Lacey 10, King 4, Baker 4.

Elba (45): Lane 2, Harrison 13, Carnley 3, Burks 8, Epps 2, Wilson 8, Caldwell 9.

Levi Carnley and Byron Burks both added 3-pointers in the third quarter as the

Elba JV win one, lose one

The Elba Tiger junior varsity hit the basketball court twice last week and posted a 1-1 record as they claimed a 43-12 win over Kinston and dropped a 45-35 decision to Opp.

Following are highlights of both games:

Elba 43 Kinston 12

The Elba Tigers used a 14-0 second quarter run to take command and never looked back in a big 43-12 win over the Kinston Bulldogs. Sebastian Thomas scored 13 points to lead Elba.

Opp 45 Elba 35 The Elba Tigers were outscored 22-12 in the second and third quarters in a hard fought 45-35 loss to the Opp Bobcats.

Sebastian Thomas scored 13 points to lead Elba.

Opp (45): Davis 12, Green 2, Stoudemire 5, Lindsey 6, Hill 4, Mount 12, James 2, Gafford 2.

Elba (35): Washington 6, Thomas 13, Hamilton 2, Hill 6, Peterson 2, Mereck 4, Daniels 2.

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Lady Tigers win two games in busy week



Elba Lady Tiger Celeste Edwards (21) blocks out a Brantley defender during action in last week's 37-28 area win over the Lady Bulldogs.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

High School Roundball Roundup

BOYS:

Gamecocks caged by Ariton 55-24

The New Brockton Gamecocks had a hard time getting shots to fall in a 55-24 loss to the Ariton Purple Cats. Dillon Kelty scored 10 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Landen Tyler scored 14 points and handed out 7 assists to lead the Purple Cats.

Rebels ambushed in Goshen 58-51

The Zion Chapel Rebels suffered their first area loss in a 58-51 loss to the Goshen Eagles. Brady Cobb scored 19 points and Zay Adair added 9 to lead the Rebels, while Dee Maddox led the Eagles with 23 points.

New Brockton slams Samson 75-48

The New Brockton Gamecocks lit up the scoreboard in an impressive 75-48 romp past the Samson Tigers. Tariq Walker scored 36 points and Dillon Kelty added 17 to spark the Gamecocks, while Hayden McCoy scored 23 to pace the Tigers.

Brockton tripped up by Eagles 58-41

The New Brockton Gamecocks battled for four quarters in a 58-41 loss to the Goshen Eagles. Dillon Kelty scored 14 points and Tariq Walker added 11 to lead the Gamecocks, while Dee Maddox scored 16 points for the Eagles.

Zion Chapel zaps Samson 74-52

The Zion Chapel Rebels stayed alive in the area title hunt with a big 74-52 win over the Samson Tigers. Brady Cobb poured in 27 points to lead the Rebels, while Zay Adair added 14 and Bill Heap scored 7. Hayden McCoy scored 22 points and Cody Kelly added 14 for the Tigers.

GIRLS:

Brockton battered by Ariton 39-7

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks never had a chance in a 39-7 loss to the Ariton Lady Cats. Lacey Sprinkle scored 4 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Zakryia Johnson led the Lady Cats with 21 points and 12 rebounds.

Lady Rebels outscore Goshen 47-34

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels picked up a key 47-34 area win over the Goshen Lady Eagles. Janna Miles scored 26 points and Alana Buncle added 13 to lead the Lady Rebels.

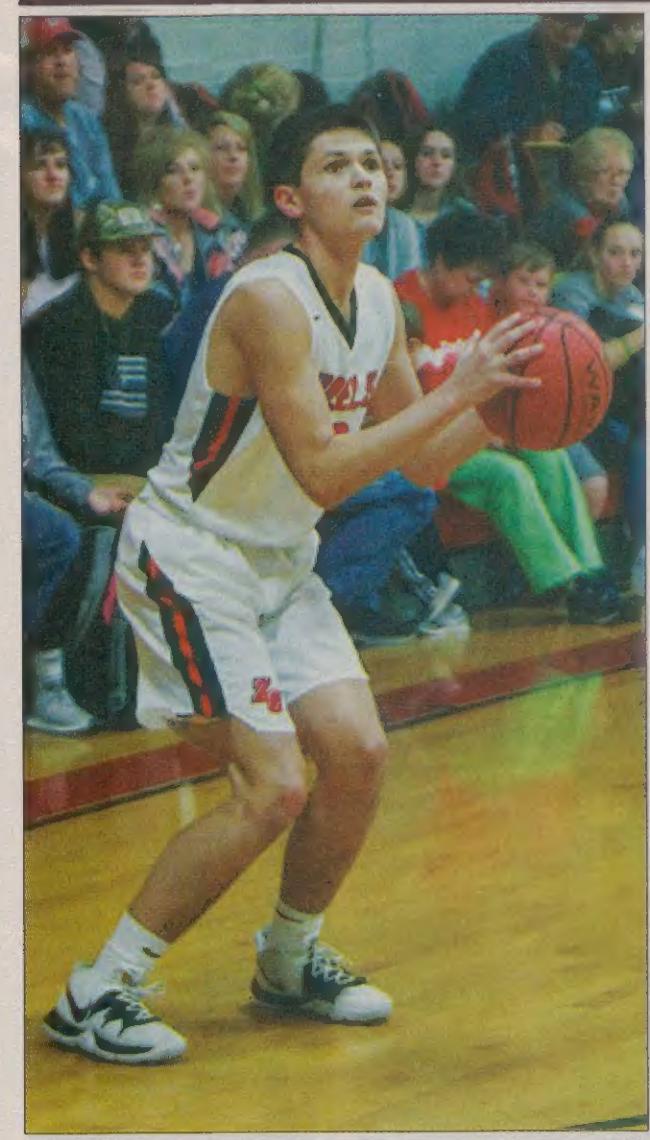
Lady Gamecocks fall to Goshen 41-22

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks battled for all four quarters in a 41-22 loss to the Goshen Lady Eagles. Destiny Swope scored 7 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Ajayden Rogers scored 13 points and Ella Baker added 10 for the Lady Eagles.

Lady Rebels slammed by Samson 58-20

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels fell to the Samson Lady Tigers 58-20. Janna Miles scored 13 points to lead the Lady Rebels, while Trinity Jenkins scored 16 points and Alli Godwin added 15 for the Lady Tigers, which clinched the area title with the win.

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Zion Chapel Rebel Brady Cobb eyes a 3-pointer. Cobb scored 27 points last week in an area win over Samson.

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The Elba Lady Tigers hit the court for three games last week in high school basketball action and posted two wins to improve their record to 14-6.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

Elba 37 Brantley 28

The Elba Lady Tigers pulled ahead early and held on late to claim an important 37-28 area win over the Brantley Lady Bulldogs, last Monday afternoon in Brantley.

The first quarter was a battle of three pointers as Elba's Nina Williams and Breanna Sanders both drained a shot behind the arc, while Brantley's Yasmine Upshaw hit two treys as the Lady Tigers eased out to a 10-9 lead.

Williams added five points in the second quarter and the Elba defense tightened up to hold Brantley to only six points as the Lady Tigers lead grew to 21-15, while in the third quarter Williams added seven more points as Elba carried a big 30-19 lead into the final stanza.

Brantley's Gabby Perkins sparked a Lady Bulldog rally in the fourth quarter that made Elba fans a little nervous, but the Lady Bulldogs hit only 3 of 11 free throws in the stanza and Elba held on to claim the 37-28 area win on the road.

Nina Williams scored 19 points to lead Elba and Breanna Sanders added 10, while Gabby Perkins scored 12 points for the Lady Bulldogs.

Elba (37): Baker 4, N. Williams 19, M. Williams 2, Sanders 10, Hooks 2.

B'ley (28): Bush 3, Upshaw 7, Barginere 5, Perkins 12, Driggers 1.

Kinston 42 Elba 35

The Elba Lady Tigers saw their five-game winning streak come to an abrupt end Thursday night with a disappointing 42-35 area loss to the Kinston Lady Bulldogs, at Kinston.

Nina Williams scored five points for Elba in the opening quarter, but the Lady Tigers managed only seven points in the stanza, while Kinston's Kelsi Cardwell scored seven points as the Lady Bulldogs grabbed an early 11-7 advantage.

Both teams had problems putting the ball in the hoop in the second quarter, and while Freeda Hooks did hit 3 of 4 free throws for the Lady Tigers, they were the only points scored by Elba as Kinston carried a 15-10 lead in at intermission.

Nina Williams and Melissa Williams combined to score 11 points in the third quarter as the Lady Tigers cut the Kinston lead to 26-23, and Elba's Celeste Edwards and Freeda Hooks both drained key 3-pointers in the final stanza. However, Kinston hit 9 of 16 free throws in the quarter and held on to defeat the Lady Tigers 42-35.

Nina Williams scored 13 points to lead Elba, while Courtney Lunsford scored 16 points and Kelsi Cardwell added 14 to lead Kinston.

K'ton (42): Lunsford 16, Cardwell 14, Musgrove 8, Peters 4.

Elba (35): Baker 3, N. Williams 13, M. Williams 5, Sanders 2, Edwards 4, Hooks 8.

Elba 52 Opp 13

The Elba Lady Tigers bounced back from the mid-week loss to hammer the Opp Lady Bobcats 52-13, Saturday afternoon in Opp.

Breanna Sanders scored 10 points in the opening stanza and drained two long 3-pointers to help the Lady Tigers get off to a fast 22-4 start, while Freeda Hooks added seven points in the second quarter and hit her second 3-pointer of the half as Elba opened up a lopsided 37-9 halftime advantage.

Elba began to go to the bench early in the second half and while the scoring slowed on both ends of the court, the Lady Tigers Undrya Chism and Damaejah Flowers both got in on the fun and hit 3-pointers in the easy 52-13 win.

Breanna Sanders scored 14 points to lead Elba, while Freeda Hooks added 12 and Nina Williams scored 11.

Elba (52): Baker 3, N. Williams 11, Chism 3, M. Williams 2, Sanders 14, Flowers 5, Hooks 12, Caldwell 2.

Opp (13): Donaldson 2, Stoudemire 6, Hall 5.

High School BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Thursday, Jan. 23

Kinston at Opp
Highland Home at Brantley

Friday, Jan. 24

Elba vs. Zion Chapel (ESCC)
New Brockton at Kinston
Luverne at Brantley

Saturday, Jan. 25

Zion Chapel at Ariton

Monday, Jan. 27

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Brantley at Elba
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SCHOOL NEWS

Fall Sports Banquet held last week at Elba High School honored student-athletes participating in volleyball, cheerleading and football

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba High School celebrated fall sports athletes Tuesday evening, Jan. 14, during the 2019-2020 Fall Athletic Banquet.

This event showcased volleyball, cheerleading, and football. The guest speaker for the event was Johnny Dyess, an assistant coach for Elba's football program.

Dyess, a former football standout for the Elba Tigers, went on to play college football at the University of Alabama in the late 1970's. He shared some stories with the young athletes about his time at Alabama playing football for legendary Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, but his overall message to the student-athletes was about leadership and character.



Collin Harrison is shown listening to speaker Johnny Dyess during last week's Fall Sports Banquet at Elba High School. Harrison received the Top Offensive Back award for the 2019 football season as he had over 1,000 yards rushing for the Tigers.

will follow you."

Dyess also said a great leader needs to have a good work ethic.

"There are going to be times when you get discouraged, but a leader works

through it and keeps going," he said. "If other see you doing that, they will follow you."

Dyess also reminded the students that honesty is telling others the truth while integrity is telling yourself the truth.

"I promise you that if I tell someone something, they can believe it," he said.

Dyess encouraged the students to hang in there through the good and the bad, and to work hard in everything they do. He said that kind of perseverance is a good character quality for all to establish.

"I challenge you in your life to be great every day, and that will make those around you better too," Dyess said. "It takes a lot of hard work, but it does pay off."

Following Dyess' address to the students, varsity cheerleader sponsor Anna Marie Moore presented cheerleader letter awards to the varsity cheerleaders. She said these young ladies are continuing to cheer now during basketball season, and they would be recognized with awards at a later time.

Volleyball awards were presented by head coach Caiden Harrell along with assistant coach Melissa Grantham. They were as follows:

Offensive Player Award - Jaylyn Baker;

Defensive Player Award - Jasmine Magwood;

Team Captain Award - Maggie Hammonds; and Sportsmanship Award - Praise Edwards.

Interim head football Coach Glen Johnson presented the varsity football awards. Prior to presenting the awards, Johnson thanked the school administration and the parents/guardians of the players for allowing him to coach these students. He said it truly was his honor.

The football awards included:

Most Improved Players - Rashad Griffin, Collin Sauls and Chrystyle Caldwell;

Offensive Awards - Top Offensive Lineman - Chandler Coppage; Top Offensive Back - Collin Harrison; and Offensive MVP - Jaquez Prince;

Defensive Awards - Top Defensive Lineman - Omarion Terry; Top Defensive Back - Iverson Lane; and Defensive MVP - Dezmon Roberson.

The final award presented by Coach Johnson was the Team MVP. This went to Chrystyle Caldwell.



Johnny Dyess, an assistant coach for the Elba Tigers football program, was the guest speaker at the 2019-2020 Fall Sports Banquet held Tuesday evening, Jan. 14, in the commons area of the school. Dyess spoke to the student-athletes in attendance about the importance of good character, integrity and leadership.



Chrystyle Caldwell received the Most Valuable Player award for the Elba Tigers 2019 football season. Interim head coach Glen Johnson said Caldwell is a young guy but he is well-deserving of the award.



The 2019 Elba defensive football awards went to (from left): Omarion Terry - Top Defensive Lineman; Iverson "Duck" Lane - Top Defensive Back; and Dezmon Roberson - Defensive MVP.



Interim head football coach Glen Johnson



The 2019 Elba volleyball awards went to (from left): Maggie Hammonds - Team Captain award; Praise Edwards - Sportsmanship Award; Jaylyn Baker - Offensive Player Award; and (not pictured) Jasmine Magwood - Defensive Player Award.



Senior cheerleaders Lynsey Manning, Maggie Hammonds and Lauren Haley are shown with their letters for outstanding achievement in cheer during the fall sports season.



Elba Tigers Carson Wise and Isaac Watkins are shown enjoying the Fall Sports Banquet held last Tuesday evening, Jan. 14, at Elba High School. Members of the football team were presented letters for outstanding achievement in the sport of football.



Photos were made at the Elba High School Fall Sports Banquet by Colby Capps of BC Sports Photography

Photo to Left: The Top Offensive Lineman award for the 2019 football season at Elba went to senior Chandler Coppage. Interim head coach Glen Johnson said the Tigers would certainly miss Coppage on the line next football season as he had been a valuable asset to the program throughout his high school career. Also receiving an offensive award was Jaquez Prince as the Offensive MVP for the Tigers; however, he was unable to attend the banquet to accept his award in last Tuesday evening.

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